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CRASHING INTO AN ICEBERG.

PERIL IN A MINING CITY.

Alarm Among the Owners of Property over Believeline Mine in Scranton.

Brought Instantly to a Standstill Three Hundred Feet from the Newfoundland Coast—No Lives Lost, and the Vessel Taken Safely to Port—Some Very Thankful Passengers.

The Gulton line steamship Arizona, which sailed from New York last Tuesday for Liverpool, struck an iceberg on Friday night and was badly injured. The steamer was at this time about three hundred miles from the nearest harbor. Owing to a smooth sea and the watertight bulkheads, the steamer did not sink, but was kept afloat and under sufficient headway to make the harbor of St. John's, Newfoundland. Some of the crew and one passenger sustained injuries, caused by the great force of the collision, but none was dangerously hurt. That the collision did not result in the loss of the steamship and consequent loss of life is regarded as a remarkable fact by the press, which gives the impression that a heavy sea or head wind would have made it impossible for the Arizona to have floated very long. The details are given in the following dispatch from St. John's:

"Sir, JOHN'S, Nov. 9.—An ocean steamer was sighted off the bay this morning. It had signs of distress, and was firing minute guns. As the sea was calm, it was conjectured that her machinery had broken down and that she needed immediate aid. A pilot boarded her, and the people of the city thronged the wharves awaiting her arrival. The steamship came slowly up the bay, and at 10 o'clock made a landing. Her bows were crushed in, fully fifteen feet of the stem, and it seemed remarkable that she could have kept afloat. The steamship was the Arizona of the Williams & Gulton line, the newest of their fleet, and one of the most splendid ships that crosses the Atlantic, as well as the swiftest. She is commanded by Capt. Thomas Jones. The passengers as they came ashore thanked God for their safe deliverance from what had seemed for thirty-six hours as almost certain death."

The Arizona sailed from New York last Tuesday, and had a full passage up to Friday night. The weather was calm, the sea was still, and there was little wind. There were even reports of a quick passage to the port in the first 26 hours the steamship made 388 miles. On Friday morning the Arizona reached the Banks of Newfoundland, and the passengers were greatly delighted at the much-dashed-out. The wind however veered, and blew from the northeast. The steamship was making an average of 15 knots.

On Friday evening a number of the passengers were in the smoking room selling pencils on the counter. The captain and his wife made next day a frequent method of calling on the women, all gone to bed. Suddenly there came a loud roar from the main deck from the sea. The men in the smoking room were thrown to the floor, some of them being thrown out of the window. The roar was louder than the noise of a freight train, and it sounded like a crash of thunder. The men were more groans, and some sheets of disapproval. Mr. Samuels, one of the older converts here arose antsy:

FOOLING YET AMUSING AN AUDIENCE IN CHICKERING HALL.

Prof. Mansfield from St. John's Doesn't Show the Promised Materialized Forms, and the People Take their Money's Worth of Fun.

The following advertisement drew thousands of people to the entrance of Chickering Hall at 9 o'clock last evening:

"SIGHTS IN THE CHICKERING HALL.—The best medium in the world will be present every evening, Nov. 9, and produce spirit forms in full colors, in open state. You can converse and shake hands with them... A piano rises clear from the floor and seats in music, and other musical instruments will take place in full concert. Doors open at 7 o'clock. All are invited."

Ingress was easy until the top of the stairs, where a stout man who stood:

"Fifty-cent tickets to enter here. Twenty-five cent tickets for the gallery, or if you shan't have may take me the difference and go in."

Many turned back and went away; others purchased tickets and yet others stood irresolute on the sidewalk. No name was mentioned in the advertisements published in the newspapers, but on handbills posted in front of the hall it was announced that Prof. Mansfield would deliver a lecture on spiritualism. In the ticket office, rapidly taking money, was a stout, thick-set man with a broad face lighted with two twinkling gray eyes.

Among the greatest number that came to the hall under the impression that there was to be a free exhibition there were enough of those who concluded to buy tickets and to fill every seat and to occupy some of the standing room.

At 9 o'clock the doors of the hall opened, shouting for the performance to begin. At 8.30 the jolly-looking ticket seller appeared in the doorway and called for a committee of elderly gentlemen. "What do you want?" he said.

"It is an ordinary Sunday pleasure-seeking New York assembly, disposed to be good humored. Please do not mind us," he said, and turned to the door.

"The door is open, and we are ready to receive you," he said. "We will not touch you when the man is killed; we would give another man \$50 to work him up, and we would give another \$50 to get him out again."

This was in fact the case. Afterward said that he had tried to have Haber insured in a Baltimore company for \$40,000, but they would not have him.

"I want to put him through right now," he said.

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